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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BENNETT M. BUTTERS ET AL.

FILED: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

FOR: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHARACTERIZING
A SAMPLE BY LOW-FREQUENCY SPECTRA**

Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Commissioner:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 10.